

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 7, line 20, replace the paragraph with the following:

Peg 22 has a peg aperture 23 that traverses ~~traverse~~ an entire length thereof. Socket 42 comprises two aligned socket apertures 43 located on opposed surfaces of the socket wall. When peg 22 is inserted into the socket 42, the peg apertures 23 and the socket apertures 43 align. A locking means 50 is inserted into the aligned aperture to thereby lock the peg 22 and socket 42 together. The locking means 50 comprises a fastener having a locking pin 51, pivotable locking bar 52 and biased means 53, shown as a coiled spring. In use, the locking means 50 is inserted into the aligned apertures 23, 43 and the pivotable locking bar 52 is pivoted to orientate the locking bar 52 perpendicular to the locking pin 51 to thereby secure the locking means 50 within the aligned apertures 23, 43. The biased means 53 applies a force so that the locking bar 52 is pressed against an adjacent outside part of the socket 42 to thereby secure the locking means 50 in place. To remove the attached adjustable length support 10 from the side rail 61 of the ladder 60, the above process is reversed. An optional cable or cord 54 is attached to the fixed component 20 and locking pin 51 to prevent loss of the locking means 50 when not inserted into the aligned apertures 23, 43.

On page 11, line 20, replace the paragraph with the following:

The support apparatus 10 comprises the securing member 24 orientated on the fixed component 20 such that it extends perpendicular to the rungs 63 as shown in FIG. 1. This allows for easy access by a user who will typically face the ladder at an angle wherein the securing member 24 faces the user. Accordingly, for this embodiment support apparatuses ~~supports apparatus~~ attached to the right side rail and left side rail are mirror images.

On page 13, line 5, replace the paragraph with the following:

In an alternative embodiment shown on an upper portion of FIG. 2, the secondary attachment members 40 is secured to the side rails 61, 62 of a ladder 60 without rod 44. In this embodiment, a fastener 47 passes through an aperture 49 located on flange portion 46 of the secondary structure attachment member 40 41. The fastener 47 is shown as a rivet.

On page 13, line 24, replace the paragraph with the following:

The embodiment of the support apparatus 310 shown on ~~one~~ the left side of ladder 60a in FIG. 2 is similar to support apparatus 210, however, the locking means 250 is oriented so that the locking pin 236 extends perpendicular to the socket 242 and thereby faces towards a user when in typical use.

On page 14, line 12, replace the paragraph with the following:

FIG. 5 illustrates another embodiment of the secondary attachment member 40 shown as a socket 642 that is secured to the side rail 61 of a ladder 60. The primary attachment member that mates with socket 642 comprises a peg 122 that is the same as that described in FIG. 1. In this embodiment, the socket 642 comprises a channel 641 extended substantially around ~~round~~ a circumference of the socket 642 and adapted to receive a locking mean 650 in the form of a fastener comprising a locking ring 633. The locking ring 633 comprises a curved portion 651, a peg engaging portion 652 and an arm 653. The curved portion 651 assists with retaining the locking ring 633 within the channel 641. The peg engaging portion 652 is shown comprising a bent portion 654 that is insertable through an aperture 643 located in the channel 641. The arm 653 provides a leveraging point such that moving the arm 653 away from the curved portion 651 moves the bent portion 654

out from the aperture 643. The bent portion 654 is biased to extend through the aperture 643 and if the peg 122 is located within the socket 642, it will be locked therein.